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**CC:** Bednar, Candace [Bednar.Candace@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Summary of discussion with NDEE and next steps

Good afternoon

As requested, I am forwarding a summary of today's Mead, NE follow up sampling discussion (Teams Meeting) held with Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) personnel.

Participants included:

Mike Jay: R7 EPA, Deputy Director, Laboratory Services and Applied Science Division (LSASD)  
Leland Grooms: R7 EPA, Leader, Air Monitoring Team, Field Services Branch (FSB), LSASD  
Tom Buell: NDEE, Division Administrator, Monitoring and Remediation Division  
Brad Pracheil: NDEE, Division Administrator, Inspection & Compliance  
Dave Adams: NDEE, Monitoring Division (Air)

The primary objective of today's discussion was to touch base with NDEE personnel in regard to additional air sampling at the Mead, NE (AltEn facility) to follow up the September 2021 event that involved summa canister sampling (R7 EPA) and the GeoMap equipment sampling (R5 EPA). After the project completion and results review, R7 (LSASD/FSB) had some interaction with NDEE to suggest a follow up with an air screening activity in an effort to identify some of the strong odors that were observed at the facility (Mead, NE). Mike Davis communicated with the EPA Office of Research and Development who suggested we use sorbent tube technology and offered to perform analysis for the project. We then had some additional communication with NDEE at what we could do and they requested we move forward with the sampling event.

I went ahead and ordered the appropriate equipment, started working on the sampling design and the required QA (QAPP & SOPs) for the project to move forward. Earlier this month I was able to brief Mike Jay on the overall status of the proposed project as well contacting ORD to make sure they would still be able/willing to do the analysis. Today's meeting with NDEE was to ensure they were still interested in the sampling activity.

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any further information.

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**From:** Jay, Michael <Jay.Michael@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 11:32 AM

**To:** Grooms, Leland <Grooms.Leland@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Please summarize our discussion with NDEE and next steps and send email out to Cecilia, Candace, and myself.

Thanks! eom

Mike Jay

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